

# Ohio Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

## April 18, 2012

### Chair Report – Pastor Jim Dinkel

In order to utilize the Ohio VOAD 501c(3) to establish a LTRC bank account, the LTRC must sign a contractual agreement with the Ohio VOAD. The LTRC also has to agree to and submit the following to the Ohio VOAD Board of Directors:

- Annual audit
- Submission of quarterly financial statements
- Signed By-laws
- Provide a mission statement
- Provide a list of officers

A motion was made to agree to the above mentioned requirements and for the LTRC to sign the contractual agreement with the Ohio VOAD. The motion was made by Kathy Coulson and seconded by David Legg. The motion passed without comment.

Ohio VOAD has quarterly meetings in Columbus, which the LTRC will need to send a representative. The next meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Ohio EMA. Tammy Simendinger and David Legg already attend these meetings and could represent the LTRC. Keven Clouse, OEMA, may also be available to attend on the LTRC's behalf.

May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Neighbors Helping Neighbors – Milford 5K Run/Walk in support of families in Moscow. Funds will go to the LTRC. Registration will be at Riverside Park on Water Street in Milford and begins at 7 am. Cost is \$25 to run/walk; \$30 for run/walk and a t-shirt. Jim Dinkel's church is sponsoring a team "Team All Saints."

Pastor Ron Mathews is stepping down as the lead for Spiritual and Emotional Care. Kim Schave will replace Ron. Kim is with St. Paul Lutheran Church in Madisonville. Contact information will be provided at the next meeting.

Sandy Kaiser has been working with Mr. Mattress on Hamilton Ave. to establish a voucher system for new mattresses. Utilizing the \$10,000 from the Batavia Rotary, this voucher system will provide mattresses and bed frames.

Full	\$169.00	Frame: \$35
Queen	\$199.00	Frame: \$35
Twin	\$139.00	Frame: \$25
Delivery Fee: \$30		

Sandy will work with Bev and Kathy to set up the voucher system.

### Vice Chair Report – Beth Nevel

Beth reminded the LTRC about the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) that can be used for the demolition of houses and outbuildings. For more information, contact Annette Decatur at Clermont County Community and Economic Development

SBA and State Individual Assistance have reopened an Outreach Center. On Tuesday, SBA had 10 to 11 new applicants.

Woody debris is still being picked up. The Engineer has swept the streets and picked up the remaining piles of debris on SR 756.

The LTRC has secured a group of attorneys, who live and/or work in the community, to work pro bono on insurance and personal related issues. For individuals/families that need assistance, please contact the case manager who will vet the case and refer to the appropriate person. Each attorney has a different skill set, so individual cases will be sent to the appropriate attorney.

## **Government Report**

The Clermont County EMA webpage has been updated and has numerous links on the Long Term Recovery Committee (Assistance Programs, LTRC, and Frequently Asked Questions). The link is [www.ema.clermontcountyohio.gov](http://www.ema.clermontcountyohio.gov). The LTRC minutes are on the site. The minutes have been redacted to remove all Case Management Information.

If you have any information you would like to include on the site, please let Pam Broughton or Becky Ober know.

## **Village of Moscow Update**

The Village has identified a damaged foreclosure that is owned by Chase Bank. There is someone interested in buying the property, but the Village is not getting a response from Chase. Is there any legal assistance that could help with getting the bank to respond? The property is a historic home. It is still listed as being owned by the property owner. Mickey is going to contact Gertrude Whitaker with Jean Schmidt's Office for additional assistance.

## **Donations Management – Roy Nelson**

Due to the limited demand, the Donation Center has established new hours.

- Monday, Tuesday, & Thursdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Sundays – available by appointment only; if there is enough demand a manager will be brought in for set hours.

The current expectation is the LTRC will be functioning for 6 months. The current agreement with the Red Barn is for 3 months. Roy is going to work with the Red Barn to extend the agreement.

The Donation Center has an abundance of water and would like to distribute some of the water if there is a need. The Village of Moscow could use some. Does the Milford 5K need water? Anheuser Busch has 26 pallets of water still to deliver.

Pendleton County has returned 15 boxes of plastic bags that will be returned to the Center. The Center also has roofing nails that can be distributed if there is a need. The Loveland Christian Church has been working on a roof in Brown County and they may need some additional supplies. Bev's Church is also volunteering this weekend and may need some nails.

Walmart is to make a donations delivery; Roy will contact the Bethel Tate Fire Department to get the contact information at Walmart.

Roy received a volunteer inquiry and will pass the information on to Bev. The volunteer group is interested in doing general clean up. Information was passed on to Bev and Dawn.

The Donations Center is still in great need of volunteers with pickup trucks. Please have them contact Roy at the Donation Center phone: 513-404-8887

## **Case Management**

Bev attended CAN Training (Orientation and Client Registry). She will be attending the webinar on Thursday from 1-2 pm.

LTRC highlighted the need to communicate that money received from SBA and Individual Assistance should be directed toward fixing homes (e.g. structural repairs). The LTRC can assist with getting items for the home.

Dan Dommis, People Working Cooperatively, offered his expertise on the dealing with the Federal Home Loan Bank Grant Program.

Keven Clouse of Ohio EMA brought up a need in Pike County. They have 2 clients in need. Keven will provide Bev the information.

## **Volunteer Management**

The LTRC discussed the need for a person to do assessments of need prior to linking volunteers to a project. Ohio VOAD identified two individuals (Jerry and Mike) to be construction coordinators. Contacting them has been difficult.

Need someone to insure that Building Permits are taken care of and that licensed individuals are providing the services. Tammy may have a volunteer for the job. The LTRC recommended requesting copy of the insurance assessment.

Reminded that the homeowner has the right to select the contractor to do the job, but they should be reminded to look for licensed contractors and those registered with the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

The LTRC also discussed records retention for volunteer waivers. Information will be stored with Jim Dinkel.

30 Volunteers from Hyde Park and Dayton collected donated items. These items were routed to NY to go to Moscow. Why? This may have run through the Church Group network and the coordination point may be in NY.

Need for Tree Cutters – The Southern Baptists will be in the Village this week to do an assessment (Sam Kelly). The Knights of Columbus may also have a chain saw crew.

## **Other Business**

### **Community Fundraisers**

Once the bank account has been established, Jim Dinkel will be contacting Mathew 25 about their recent fundraiser for Moscow Tornado Recovery.

Park National currently has about \$9,000 in donations; River Valley has funds; Rotary of Batavia; Clermont County Fair also had a fundraiser.

Funds will be used to cover the monthly expenses of the Red Barn (approx. \$300 per month).

The Village has received financial donations that have stipulations (must go to people with children). This is a limiting factor and a challenge for record keeping. Any recommendations?

The Neediest Kids of All has also been taking donations.

### **Communications and Outreach**

The LTRC discussed doing weekly press release on the LTRC efforts. Pam and Beth will work with Adams and Pike Counties to do joint releases. County EMAs will work with Kathy Lehr to put together a public service announcement.

Bev is going to establish weekly office hours in the Village of Moscow.

The LTRC will be working to develop a flyer on information updates for the community.

Advocates will be going around the village on a weekly basis to see if residents need help.

The Village is looking for innovative ideas to get people back to the village (e.g. green projects, historical buildings). Beth has already reached out to Duke Energy. Andy Kupta, Economic Development may be of assistance on the green initiatives. Texas A&M and University of Texas are doing work on Tornado Building Standards. It may be beneficial to reach out to Rick Crawford, local historian, to publicize the historical significance of the area.

The Village is meeting with Zoo and Botanical Gardens on replanting Moscow – April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Facebook:**

Lori Cornwell and Thalia have developed a community facebook page - Ohio Recovery Lost and Found. The e-mail address is [OhioLTRC1@gmail.com](mailto:OhioLTRC1@gmail.com)

Thalia is looking for photos from the event as well as uplifting photos (historical, pre-event, recovery, etc.). The LTRC recommended a few local authors who have done work on the Village of Moscow (Cheryl Crow).

The LTRC recommended adding keywords to the facebook page so that people are directed to the page (e.g. Moscow Tornado, Village of Moscow, Tate Township, Franklin Township, Washington Township, Clermont County, March 2 Tornado, etc.)

**LTRC Meeting**

Next LTRC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at 10:00 am.